

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the following observations.

1. In the Specification

The specification is amended by the insertion of suitable section headers and by removing reference in the specification to the pending claims. Entry of the amendment to the specification is kindly requested in the next Office communication.

2. In the Claims

In the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, claim 1 is amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 10 and the subject matter of claim 8 from which claim 10 originally depended from. Claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are considered to be in condition for allowance in view of this amendment.

The rejection of the claims based on prior art is considered moot in view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter of claim 10 and the subject matter of intervening claim 8 into claim 1. No further commentary regarding the prior art rejection is considered necessary at this time in view of such amendment.

Claims 8 and 10 are cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Claim 12 is amended with the subject matter of amended claim 1, as currently presented herein. Claim 12 now refers to a system having one or more of an automatic teller and deposit device, and support for the “system” is found at least by way of paragraph [0027] and Fig. 4. Because claim 12 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 10 (via the subject matter of amended claim 1), it is submitted that this claim is in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 is likewise amended with the subject matter of amended claim 1, as currently presented herein. Claim 13 is also amended to revert the claim more closely to its originally-filed language in that the cassette is operable with one or both an automatic teller and a deposit device. Because claim 13 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 10 (via the subject matter of amended claim 1), it is submitted that this claim is in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the "single means" rejection of claims 12 and 13 is overcome by the current amendment to claims 12 and 13.

Entry of the amendment to the claims is kindly requested in the next Office communication. Accordingly, as a result of the amendment, the claims are considered to be placed in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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